

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A small ~~Small~~ vehicle, ~~e.g., caddie cart~~, with a body [(1)] and at least two wheels [(2)] each connected to the body via first and second stub axles a ~~stub axle (3, 4)~~ attached to the body ~~to same in articulated manner~~ via a hinge, wherein the stub axles [(3, 4)] are pivotable in ~~at least~~ a first position in which they are folded up against the body [(1)] and a second position in which the stub axles [(3, 4)] extend out from the body ~~and which is defined as the travelling in a traveling position of the small vehicle~~, characterized in that at wherein at least one spring [(5)] is provided which engages on one side at the body [(1)] and on the other at the stub axles [(3, 4)] via ~~[[the]]~~ said hinge ~~hinged area~~ and by its spring force alone holds the ~~travelling~~ traveling position of the stub axles without additional radial reinforcements and stays.

2. (Currently amended) A small ~~Small~~ vehicle according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the spring is secured to the body at one end and engages ~~[[at]]~~ the stub axles ~~axle (3, 4)~~ with the other end.

3. (Currently amended) A small ~~Small~~ vehicle according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the spring is secured to the body at one end and engages ~~[[at]]~~ the stub axles ~~axle (3, 4)~~ with the other end.

4. (Currently amended) A small ~~Small~~ vehicle according to claim 1, wherein ~~one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that~~ at least either the body [(1)] or one or both stub axles have, at their sections adjoining the hinge, ~~joint~~ a hollow section, ~~in particular a pipe~~, in which the spring [(5)] is housed.

5. (Currently amended) A small ~~Small~~ vehicle according to claim 1, wherein ~~one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that~~ the spring is a gas-pressure spring [(5)] which can be locked at least in the ~~travelling~~ traveling position of the stub axles [(3, 4)].

6. (Currently amended) A small ~~Small~~ vehicle according to claim 1, wherein one of ~~claims 1 to 5, characterized in that~~ the spring engages[[,]] at a section of the stub axles, projecting beyond the hinge joint as seen from the wheel [[(2),]] of the stub axles ~~axle~~, ~~with same.~~

7. (Currently amended) A small ~~Small~~ vehicle according to claim 1, wherein one of ~~claims 1 to 6, characterized in that there~~ a mechanical stop is provided in the hinge ~~hinged area~~ between the body and stub axles, ~~a mechanical stop~~ which, in addition to the spring, limits a ~~travelling~~ traveling position unfolded to the maximum of the stub axles.

8. (Currently amended) A small ~~Small~~ vehicle according to claim 5, wherein one of ~~claims 1 to 7, characterized in that~~ the gas-pressure spring is arranged centrally in the lower area of the body and secured by one end to the body or to a hinge part ~~(10)~~ rigidly connected to the body, wherein one end ~~each~~ of the gas-pressure spring [[(5)]] is connected via a cable pull [[(6)]], to the associated stub axles [[(3, 4)]], wherein the cable pull [[(6)]] is guided at a distance from the hinge ~~axles~~ over a guide block arranged beyond the hinge ~~axle~~ or a pulley [[(6)]] each attached to the hinge end of the stub axles ~~axle (3, 4)~~ and secured to the stub axles ~~axle (3, 4)~~.

9. (Currently amended) A small ~~Small~~ vehicle according to claim 1, wherein one of ~~claims 1 to 8, characterized in that~~ the body consists of two substantially parallel ~~tube parts~~ outer pipes rigidly connected to each other, each of which is connected in their lower area via a hinge part ~~(10)~~ to one of the ~~preferably tubular~~ stub axles [[(3, 4)]].

10. (Currently amended) A small ~~Small~~ vehicle according to claim 9, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ there is arranged between the two outer pipes ~~(102, 103)~~ of the body [[(1)]] a third pipe which serves as a guide pipe for a steering rod [[(11)]] housed therein in the manner of a telescope.

11. (Currently amended) A small ~~Small~~ vehicle according to claim 9 ~~or 10~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ each of the two outer pipes has in its lower area a recess to house the folded-in stub axles [(3, 4)].

12. (Currently amended) A small ~~Small~~ vehicle according to claim 10, wherein ~~claims 9 to 11, characterized in that~~ the gas-pressure spring is arranged in the lower area of the third pipe and has a valve which can be actuated by pushing the steering rod [(11)] into the third pipe.

13. (Currently amended) A small ~~Small~~ vehicle according to claim 1, wherein ~~claims 1 to 12, characterized in that~~ each of the stub axles [(3, 4)] is pretensioned by an additional spring (25) in the direction of the folded-in position.

14. (Currently amended) A small ~~Small~~ vehicle according to claim 13, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the additional spring acts on the hinge ~~section of the stub axles (3, 4)~~ via a Bowden wire [(26)] and a guide roll.

15. (Currently amended) A small ~~Small~~ vehicle according to claim 10, wherein ~~claims 1 to 13, characterized in that~~ there is provided at the steering rod a removable, asymmetrical handle that can also be mounted in at least two positions rotated by 180°.

16. (Currently amended) A small ~~Small~~ vehicle according to claim ~~14 or 15~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the handle has digital control elements and a transmitting coil with which digital signals can be transmitted to a neighboring ~~neighbouring~~ receiver coil which is arranged on the steering rod.

17. (Currently amended) A small ~~Small~~ vehicle according to claim 1, wherein ~~claims 1 to 16, characterized in that~~ the wheels are removably attached to the stub axles ~~removable~~ via a quick-release coupling.

18. (Currently amended) A small ~~Small~~ vehicle according to claim 1, wherein ~~one of claims 1 to 17, characterized in that~~ each of the wheels has its own drive motor with an individual power supply and individual control electronics.

19. (Currently amended) A small ~~Small~~ vehicle according to claim 18, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the motors are servomotors and have an encoder for determining and setting their rotation speed.